

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-7, 9 and 10 as follows:

1. (currently amended) An emergency braking system which is activated when a high velocity water jet of a PWC is cut-off, said braking system comprising: a rearward extending upwardly inclined planar braking member ~~pivotal~~ mounted on a rudder at a rear portion of said water craft, said braking member being movable with said rudder from an elevated non-operative position to a lowered submerged operative position for generating braking forces when said water jet is cut off; a means for elevating said rudder and braking member to said elevated non-operative position during a normal operation of said water craft and a means for lowering said rudder and braking member to said lowered operative position.

2. (currently amended) The emergency braking system recited in claim 1 wherein said means for elevating said rudder and braking member to said elevated non-operative position during said normal operation of said water craft is an automatic means.

3. (currently amended) The braking system recited in claim 1 wherein said means for lowering said rudder and braking member to said lowered operative position after said cut-off of said high velocity water jet is an automatic means.

4. (currently amended) The braking system recited in claim 3 wherein said automatic means for elevating said rudder and braking member to said non-operative position is a baffle in covering relationship with an outlet of said nozzle at said lowered operative position, said baffle intercepting said water jet.

5. (currently amended) The braking system recited in claim 4 wherein said automatic means for lowering said ~~pivotaly-mounted~~ rudder and braking member to said lowered submerged operative position when said water jet is cut off is gravity.

6. (currently amended) The braking system recited in claim 1 wherein said means for elevating said rudder and planar braking member is a manually operated push-pull cable.

7. (currently amended) In a PWC which is propelled and steered by an impulse of a high velocity water jet discharged through a nozzle at the rear of the water craft, the improvement comprising: a rudder for steering said PWC, said rudder mounted for rotation about a horizontal axis on a rear portion of said water craft from an elevated non-operative position to a lowered submerged operative position when said high velocity water jet of said water craft is cut off; a means for said mounting of said rudder; a rearward extending upwardly inclined planar braking member mounted on said rudder for generating braking forces at said rudder's lowered operative position when said water jet is cut off; a means for raising said rudder to said elevated non-operative position; and a means for lowering

said rudder to said lowered submerged operative position.

8. (original) The improvement recited in claim 7 wherein said means for mounting said rudder is a yoke shaped arrangement of a pair of forward extending arms and a pair of shoulder bolts for attaching said arms to opposite side portions of said nozzle.

9. (currently amended) The improvement recited in claim 7 wherein said braking member comprises a rearward extending upwardly inclined transverse triangular fin on a lower rear corner of said rudder for providing said braking forces when said rudder is in said lowered operative position.

10. (currently amended) In combination with a rudder of a PWC which is operative during a discharge of a high velocity water jet at a rear of said PWC, said rudder being movable between two positions, an elevated non-operative position during said discharge of said water jet and a lowered submerged operative position when said water jet is cut off; a rearward upwardly extending planar braking member extending laterally outward from opposite sides of a lower portion of said rudder for generating braking forces when said water jet is cut off, said planar braking member being operative when said rudder is operative and being non-operative when said rudder is non-operative.

11. (original) The combination recited in claim 10 wherein said planar braking member is a triangular shaped member.